

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

LIMITED.
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY, AND
MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship
"TAIYUAN"
 Nelson, Comander, will be despatched as above
 on WEDNESDAY, the 20th inst., at Four
 P.M.
 The attention of Passengers is directed to the
 superior Accommodation offered by this
 Steamship, and the Cabin situated
 forward of the Engine. Second Class
 Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refr-
 igerating Chamber ensures the supply of
 Freshness during the entire voyage. A fully
 qualified Surgeon is on board.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
 Hongkong, 11th February, 1889. 1889
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
THE A. I. British Bark
"JOHN NICHOLSON."

Ports, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1888. (237)
FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Ship

G. Small, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have a quick despatch.
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HONGKONG, 20th December, 1888. [23a]

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY.
AN ARTIST of 25 years' practice, with thorough knowledge of all Photographing Processes, seeks a PARTNER with Capital.
Address,
A. B. O.
Care of the U.S. Office.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1889. [25a]

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISK against FIRE at Current Rates.
NORFOLK & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong 16th July, 1887. [25b]

MARINE INSURANCE.

THE AMERICAN MARINE.
The P. M. steamer City of Peking, with American mail of the 15th January, left Yokohama to-day, and is due here on or about the 18th instant.
The O. & S. steamer Arabic, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 24th January, and is due here on the 26th instant.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The Yangkou, with the French mail of January 12th, left Saigon on the 10th, at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tussock* will sail for the Australian mail, left Port Darwin the 8th, and is due here on the 17th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Japan*, with the Indian mail, left Singapore on the 10th, and is due here on the 17th instant.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C. P. steamer *Parthia*, with the Canadian mail, arrived at Yokohama on the 9th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.
The Shire Line steamer *Cordigliaville* left Singapore on the 2nd, and is now due.
The P. & O. extra steamer *Kheps* left Singapore on the 7th, and is due here on the 13th instant.
The Union Line steamer *Highfield* left Singapore on the 7th, and is due here on the 13th instant.
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Prometheus* left Singapore on the 11th, and is due here on the 18th instant.
The Ben Lue steamer *Reinelt* left Singapore on the 12th, and may be looked for here on about the 19th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.
The Postal Guide for 1886, revised to date, will be issued by the Daily Mail & General Post Office, in 389 large edition, p. 733 small edition. It is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper, is also now published.

corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Straits, Colombo, Bombay, and Tring
—Per *Maria Teresa*, to-day, the 13th inst.,
1030 a.m.

For Singapore.—Per *Bengloe*, to-day, the
13th inst., at 3.30 p.m.

For Singapore, Java, Sydney, Melbourne, and
Adelaide.—Per *Arlis*, on Friday, the 15th inst.,
at 3.30 p.m.

For Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama.—Per
Ancona, on Friday, the 15th inst., at 5.00 p.m.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The German Contract Packet *Perseus* or *Perseus* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via* Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Japan, Malacca, Penang, Rangoon, Singapore, Siam, Sumatra, and the East Indies.

The usual hours will be observed in clearing the Mails.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Contract Packet *Relay* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, and the West Indies.

0.15 P.M. Registry closes as follows:—
0.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until 1.00 P.M.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.
The German Contract Packet *Bismarck* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 16th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via* Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Japan, Malacca, Penang, Rangoon, Singapore, Siam, Sumatra, and the East Indies.

Registry closes at 4 P.M.
The mail closes at 5 P.M.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery, and where Registration has been neglected, will make no enquiries into alleged losses of such letters.

17th instat, up to 9 A.M.
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEETS
 Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the
 Owners, will be RESPONSIBLE for any
 DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews
 of the following Vessels during their stay in
 Hongkong Harbour —
 HELLER, Erik, str., Ellis — Russell & Co.
 HENDRICK, Fr. H., Sigsbee & Co.
 DUVERNOY, Ger. ste., Bortoloni — Melchers & Co.
 PROBERTS, British str., Heasleay — Geo. R.
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plaintain wanted to protect the farmer in his right to use the land for growing and preparing opium so as to be able to protect the farmer from the Government if the opium was sold or prepared, i.e., fit for smoking. The Court, it was contended, must read in "fit for smoking," so as to place a reasonable interpretation on the words "grow and prepare." The word "prepare" was said to have a definite meaning, and it was contended that the Government was not bound to do so as to let the public know what the Government was doing. The Court took the view of the majority and decided that the word "prepare" was to be interpreted as "grow and prepare" and that the word "prepare" was to be interpreted as "grow and prepare" and that the word "prepare" was to be interpreted as "grow and prepare". Since that decision (O. no. 22 of 1911) the Government has been able to regulate and control the movement of raw opium within the colony and its waters. It is not derogate from the Opium farmer's privilege, for under it he had no limit placed on

